

## House Resolution No. 3489

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize George Bayless, of St. Joseph, Missouri, who was honored by being voted to be inducted in the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and named the international representative for Missouri to the International Game Fish Association; and

**Whereas**, born in Hawk Springs, Wyoming, George Bayless started fishing at the age of five with his mother and grandmother, using a cane pole, braided line, washer for a sinker, corn cob for a floater, hook, and garden worms; and

**Whereas**, George Bayless spent his professional career as a pilot and was part of a medical team for the United National World Health Organization for many years, and it was during that period that he became of the impact of lead which ultimately resulted in his inventing Envio-Weights, a lead replacement based on land-fill steel for use in baits and jigs and a range of other commercial applications; and

**Whereas**, twenty-two years ago, George Bayless made a rod, harness, and belt for a friend who lost an arm in the Korean conflict, and that experience led to his development of a range of fishing equipment for the physically handicapped that today is distributed by independent tackle shops and by medical equipment retailers alike; and

**Whereas**, George Bayless writes a monthly newspaper article called "Grandpa and the Kids", a fictitious grandfather with two granddaughters dealing with their outdoor adventures; and

**Whereas**, George Bayless's entire family are avid outdoors people, and one of his granddaughters, who is five years old, is close to her first world record on redear sunfish:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to George Bayless on the illustrious occasions of his being voted to be inducted in the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and on being named the Missouri representative to the International Game Fish Association; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for George Bayless.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Martin T. Rucker  
District No. 29

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3489, adopted June 25, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker